Indians in Burma

3212. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the disturbances in Burma, a number of Indians have suffered a great deal; and

(b) what steps were taken by Government to evacuate Indian families from that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) A large section of the Burmese population, including persons of Indian origin, have been affected by the recent disturbances in Burma.

(b) No requests for evacuation have been received from Indian citizens resident in Burma. However, families of Indian Embassy officials were evacuated on the 17th September, 1988.

Selling of Western Technology by Pakistan to China

3213 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aware that Pakistan has helped China to acquire western technology by selling French Mirage jet fighters, U.S. Sidewinder air-to-air and two-anti-tank missiles;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan was not only buying but also selling western arms to China;

(c) if so, whether this decision of Pakistan has created a great imbalance of power in the Asian countries; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Government have no such information.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of technology mission for the handicapped

3214. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are setting up a technology mission for the handicapped which would help in acquiring modern equipment and provide them job-oriented education;

(b) if so, by when the mission is likely to be set up and to what extent it would help the handicapped in using the technology; and

(c) whether Government have also decided to help the Tamil Nadu project for a survey of the handicapped in that State to evolve programmes for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The question of setting up of Science and Technology project in Mission Mode on Application of Technology for the Welfare and Rehabilitation of the Handicapped is under final stages of processing and an other in this regard is expected to be issued shortly.

(c) There is no proposal with the Central Government at present for survey of Handicapped in Tamil Nadu. However estimates of the number of handicapped in Tamil